


State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** Oct. 20, 2017

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Richard Whitman, Director 

**Subject:** Agenda item A: Joint meeting with the Board of Forestry  
Nov. 2-3, 2017, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will be presented jointly to the commission and Board of Forestry to inform a tour of several forested land sites near Eugene.

**Background** The Oregon Board of Forestry and the Environmental Quality Commission have several areas of co-responsibility or oversight for the health of Oregon's air, land and water. This unique relationship offers the two bodies, and their respective agencies, the opportunity to create collaborative solutions to environmental concerns.

Part of that collaboration is an annual joint meeting of the commission and board. During these joint meetings staff from both agencies present informational items, help organize tours of relevant field sites and provide additional context for the joint regulatory work of the Departments of Environmental Quality and Forestry.

On Nov. 2, 2017, the commission will tour several sites near Eugene that demonstrate forest management techniques and discuss water and air quality concerns, including smoke management from prescribed burns.

**EQC involvement** No commission action is requested at this time.

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